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Mr. Branden S. Blum  
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Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Mr. Blum:

Attached is a proposed response to Senator Cohen's inquiry regarding the Computer Matching Bill. I have also attached a copy of the incoming request.

We need your concurrence no later than c.o.b. 23 September. A copy of this letter has also been provided to Russ Neely.

Sincerely,



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September 10, 1986

Mr. David Gries  
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Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Gries:

On September 16, the Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management will hold a hearing on S. 2756, the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1986. This bill, which I introduced with Senator Levin last month, would require federal agencies to institute procedures to safeguard the confidentiality and security of records disclosed, as well as the privacy and due process rights of individuals whose records are exchanged, when conducting computer matching programs. I am enclosing a copy of the text of S. 2756.

The objective of S. 2756 is to strike the proper balance between the legitimate needs of federal and state agencies to share information to ensure the integrity of government programs and the privacy and due process rights of individuals. In order to achieve the appropriate balance of these interests, the Subcommittee is soliciting the comments of several federal agencies that have been involved in computer matching programs.

I am, of course, particularly attuned to the special needs of your agency involving cases that may affect our national security and want to ensure that this bill adequately addresses these needs. I am willing to work with your agency to accommodate these functions. Accordingly, I ask that you provide the Subcommittee with your written comments on S. 2756. Your comments will be most helpful to the Subcommittee in its consideration of S. 2756 and will be included in the printed hearing record.

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I would appreciate your providing me with your comments on S. 2756 by Wednesday, September 24. Please have your comments delivered to the Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Committee on Governmental Affairs, 326 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

I look forward to receiving your views on this legislation. If you have any questions, please have your staff contact Mary Gerwin of the Subcommittee staff at 224-5538.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,



William S. Cohen  
Chairman

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